

Belgrade, Serbia



16DBEGTIR THE BALKAN'S FIVE COUNTRIES

16 days in Belgrade, Zagreb, Bled, Plitvice, Split, Dubrovnik, Tivat, and Tirana.

INCLUDED CITY TOURS

- Belgrade
- Zagreb
- Bled
- Postojna Cave
- Plitvice Lakes
- Split
- Dubrovnik
- Kotor
- Tirana

INCLUDED FEATURES

- First-class hotels
- Arrival transfer from Belgrade airport on Day 1
- Departure transfer to Tirana airport on Day 16
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 9 dinners
- Professional English-Speaking Tour Director
- Licensed Local Guides
- Touring with modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper technology for enhanced touring
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Entrance fees included where indicated in bold



TRIP ITINERARY

B - Breakfast | D - Dinner

Entrance fees included where indicated in bold.

Day 1 - Thursday: Arrive in Belgrade

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. There's time to relax before meeting your fellow travelers and Tour Director for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2 - Friday: Belgrade Excursion

After breakfast, embark on a full-day excursion from Belgrade. Our first stop is **Krusedol Monastery**, founded in the early 16th century and considered one of Serbia's most significant monasteries. Continue to the picturesque town of Sremski Karlovci - known for its baroque and neoclassical architecture. After an orientation tour, we will visit one of the famous local wineries for lunch and wine tasting. Afterwards, explore the intriguing **Petrovaradin Fortress**, with its underground trenches and tunnels. Our last stop is the city of Novi Sad, where you'll have a quick orientation tour and some free time before returning to your hotel in Belgrade. (B, L)

Day 3 - Saturday: In Belgrade

Start your morning with a city sightseeing tour including a visit to the imposing **Kalemegdan Fortress**, strategically located at the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers. Discover Republic Square, Knez Mihailova Street, Saint Sava Temple (the largest Orthodox Church in the city), and Tito's Memorial. Continue to Avala. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace. In the afternoon, you have the option to join an excursion to Topola, where George Petrovic, also known as Karadjordje, was chosen as the leader of the First Serbian Uprising against the Ottoman Empire in 1804. A short drive away is St. George's Church, also known as Oplenac, the burial place of the Ducal and Royal Family of Serbia and Yugoslavia. After a lunch break (not included), we will return to Belgrade. The evening is yours to enjoy before dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4 - Sunday: To Dubrovnik

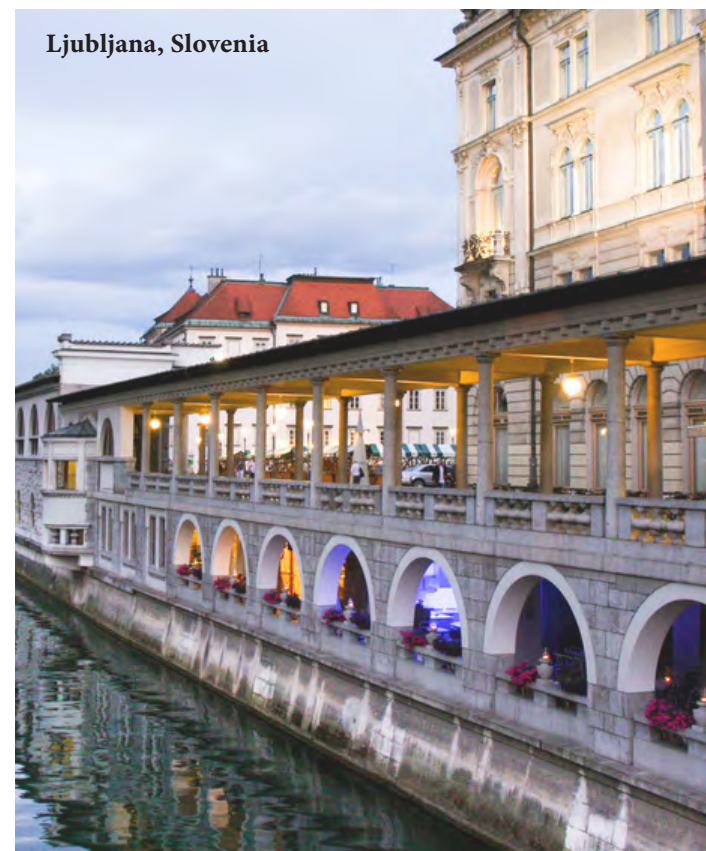
After breakfast, travel to Dubrovnik. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, D)

Day 5 - Monday: Explore Zagreb

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is yours to explore the winding streets of the old town or join us for an optional excursion to see the countryside. (B)

Day 6 - Tuesday: Ljubljana & Bled

After breakfast, head towards Ljubljana - the capital of Slovenia. Take a walking tour to see the most significant sights of the old city center. Highlights include the picturesque open-air Central Market, the Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain. Then, continue to Bled. (B, D)



Ljubljana, Slovenia

Day 7 - Wednesday: Explore Bled

Bled, an Alpine Lake surrounded by high peaks, was "discovered" by travelers in the middle of the 19th century. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the lakeshore and charming town, and visit the imposing **Bled Castle** - perched on a cliff high above the lake. The rest of the day yours to continue exploring. Browse through the shops and boutiques, or simply relax in the enchanting scenery. Join us for an optional excursion to the small island in the middle of the lake. (B)

Day 8 - Thursday: Journey to Plitvice

Continue to Postojna - home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to the coast and have a stop in Opatija. Enjoy a walking tour of this fashionable resort from the 19th century, dotted with Habsburg-era villas. After some free time, continue towards Plitvice Lakes. (B, D)

Day 9 - Friday: Explore Plitvice Lakes

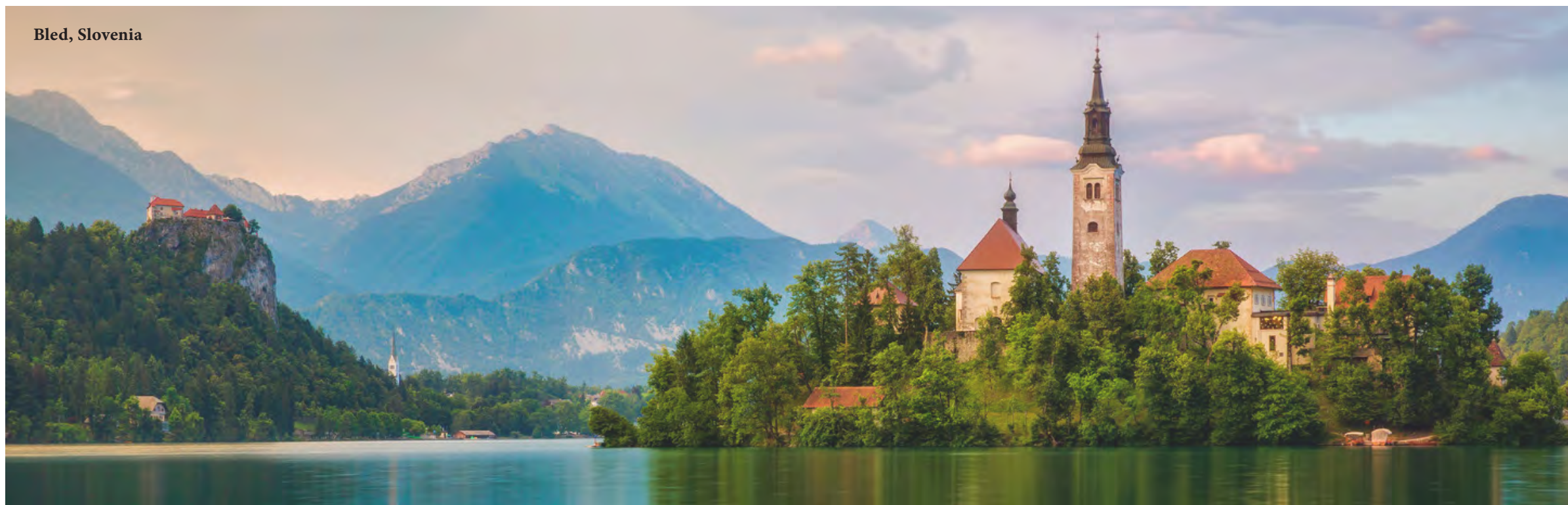
After breakfast, have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around the lower lakes. The breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder includes sixteen terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. After the tour, head to Split. Overnight in Split. (B, D)

Day 10 - Saturday: Discover Split

In the morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. The rest of the day is yours to stroll through the beautiful streets of Split, enjoy the beach, or join us on an Optional Excursion to the Jet Set spot of the rich and famous - the Island of Hvar. (B)

Day 11 - Sunday: To Dubrovnik

After breakfast, travel to Dubrovnik. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, D)



Day 12 - Monday: Explore Dubrovnik

After breakfast, take a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik. Visit **Rector's Palace** and see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and the Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy** - one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is free to continue exploring Dubrovnik. Otherwise, join an Optional Excursion to a home-hosted dinner in Dubelj. (B)

Day 13 - Tuesday: Continuing to Tivat

After breakfast, our journey takes us to Montenegro, with a view of Kotor Bay - the only South European fiord. Take a tour of the old town of Kotor, a UNESCO heritage Site. Continue to Tivat, Montenegro for the night. (B, D)

Day 14 - Wednesday: To Tirana

After breakfast, drive through Budva and Bar towards the town of Shkodra - a major Albanian cultural center. Shkodra was the center of the Illyrian tribe Labeat and was taken by the Romans in 168 B.C. View the **Rozafa Castle**, magnificently situated on a rocky outcrop of limestone high above the city. Continue the drive to Tirana, Albania. (B, D)

Day 15 - Thursday: Exploring Tirana

On a morning sightseeing tour, see Sheshi Skenderbej (Skanderbeg Square), the Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg - Albania's national hero. Visit the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, and the **National History Museum** with a mosaic on its façade portraying Albanian history. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring. Visit local shops, restaurants, or simply relax. (B)

Day 16 - Friday: To Depart Tirana

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer to Tirana airport for your departure. (B)

Note: Because of the narrow and cobbled streets, walking is the primary way of getting around. Please make sure to pack comfortable walking shoes.

INCLUDED HOTELS

- **Belgrade** - Hotel Moskva / Courtyard by Marriott (F) or similar
- **Zagreb** - Zonar (F) or similar
- **Bled** - Kompas (F)/ Bled Rose (F) or similar
- **Plitvice** - Jezero (F) or similar
- **Split** - Hotel Corner (F) or similar
- **Dubrovnik** - Lero (F) or similar
- **Tivat** - Palma (F) or similar
- **Tirana** - Colloseo (F) or similar

DATES & PRICING - 16DBEGTIR

Start:	End:	Per Person in Twin:
March 21	April 5	\$3,776
May 2	May 17	\$4,089
June 13	June 28	\$4,378
July 25	August 9	\$4,669
September 5	September 20	\$4,378
Single Room Supplement		\$1,150
Except for July 25 & September 5		\$1,489